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I LIKE TO OBEY THE RULES

I AM A FREE CITIZEN OF A FREE COUNTRY, BUT EVERY MORNING I AM AWAKENED BY AN ALARM CLOCK RINGING OUT THE FIRST RULE OF THE DAY-- TO GET UP AT 5:30. AND FROM THEN ON, UNTIL I RETURN TO BED AT NIGHT, EVERY MOVEMENT I MAKE IS GUIDED OR INFLUENCED BY HUNDREDS OF LAWS, WRITTEN AND UNWRITTEN, BY RULES, ORDERS, COMMANDS, CODES, AND CONVENTIONS.

WHEN I DRIVE TO WORK, THE FACT THAT I AM A FEW MINUTES LATE CAN EASILY CAUSE ME TO BREAK A DOZEN TRAFFIC LAWS SO THAT I WILL NOT VIOLATE A RULE OF MY EMPLOYER THAT SAYS I MUST PUNCH THE TIME CLOCK BEFORE SEVEN. ON THE BACK OF MY TIME CARD IS PRINTED A SET OF GENERAL RULES TO WHICH ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE COMPANY ARE SUBJECT. BESIDE THE DOOR TO MY DEPARTMENT IS A BULLETIN BOARD COVERED WITH SPECIAL RULES THAT APPLY TO OUR PARTICULAR DIVISION OF THE COMPANY, AND BEFORE I RELIEVE THE OPERATOR ON DUTY I AM SUPPOSED

TO CONSULT AN INSTRUCTION BOOK FOR LAST-MINUTE ORDERS OF TEMPORARY RULES.

ALL OF THESE REGULATIONS ARE THE PRODUCTS OF HUMAN MINDS, AND NATURALLY SOME OF THEM ARE UNNECESSARY AND CONFUSING. BEING HUMAN -- AND THEREFORE SUBJECT TO WEAKNESSES, AND TO STUBBORN TENDENCIES TO REVOLT AT BEING FORCED TO DO SOMETHING-- IT IS NATURAL FOR ME TO FEEL AT FIRST THOUGHT THAT I AM BEING SUFFOCATED BY REGULATION AND THAT ANY ORIGINALITY AND IMAGINATION THAT I POSSESS IS BEING STIFLED BY RED TAPE.

YET, I MAKE A SINCERE EFFORT TO OBEY EVERY RULE AND LAW THAT APPLIES TO MY WORK, PLAY, OR CONTACT WITH OTHER PEOPLE. I TRY TO RESPECT THE ONES THAT ARE IMPORTANT AS WELL AS THOSE THAT ARE UNIMPORTANT, THOSE THAT ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY ALONG WITH THE ONES THAT SEEM TO ME FRIVOLOUS AND PETTY.

WHY? NOT, AS SOME MIGHT SAY, BECAUSE I LACK THE IMAGINATION AND THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE TO WHICH MANY MODERNS ATTRIBUTE THEIR INFRACTIONS OF THE RULES. --RATHER, IT IS BECAUSE I HAVE A VIVID IMAGINATION THAT I FIND IT EASY TO OBEY THE RULES.

IT IS IMAGINATION THAT FORCES ME TO STOP AT A RED LIGHT WHEN I KNOW THAT NO OTHER CAR OR COP IS NEAR. IT IS IMAGINATION THAT CAUSES ME TO REALIZE THAT WHEN I RESPECT THE AUTHORITY OF THE CORNER POLICEMAN I AM STRENGTHENING THE FORCE THAT GUARDS MY HOME WHEN I AM AWAY OR ASLEEP, THAT PROTECTS MY BOY WHEN HE CROSSES THE STREET. WHEN I OBEY THE RULES THAT GOVERN MY JOB, IT IS NOT A CASE OF A MAN IN OVERALLS BENDING TO THE WILL OF A COLLAR-AND-TIE BOSS; IT IS A CASE OF TWO MEN WORKING TOGETHER, DOING THE THINGS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE POSSIBLE NEXT FRIDAY'S PAYDAY.

IT IS EASY TO THINK, WHEN I

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MINUTES SPENT IN MAKING YOUR JOB SAFE .
MAY ADD YEARS TO YOUR LIFE. .
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IMAGINATION REVEALS THE
PROFIT TO ME IN EVERY GOOD
RULE THAT I OBEY. AND EVEN
WHEN I AM CONFORMING TO THE
LAWS WHICH I THINK ARE USELESS
OR HARMFUL, I AM COMPENSATED
BY THE REALIZATION THAT I HAVE
A COUNCILMAN, A MAYOR, A STATE
REPRESENTATIVE, A GOVERNOR,

IN QUIETLY COMPLYING WITH
THE RULES, I MAY NEVER ATTRACT
THE HEADLINES AND SPOTLIGHTS
THAT FOLLOW THE WRONG-WAY GUYS

THEN ONE DAY THE FIRST SAFETY MEN ARGUED THAT IT WAS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE FOR A MAN TO WORK A LIFETIME WITHOUT SUFFERING AN ACCIDENT, AND THAT WHOLE FACTORIES COULD WORK WEEKS, MONTHS, AND EVEN YEARS WITHOUT A SINGLE LOST-TIME ACCIDENT!

. IT'S BETTER TO PAY ATTENTION THAN DOCTOR BILLS. .

TODAY MANY INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES ARE ROUNDING OUT ENTIRE LIFETIMES WITH 30,40, AND 50 YEARS OF STEADY EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT A SINGLE ACCIDENT. DOZENS OF PLANTS HAVE SET RECORDS OF MILLIONS OF MAN-HOURS WITHOUT A SINGLE LOST-TIME ACCIDENT.

WHY SHOULDN'T WE HAVE MORE SUCH PERFECT SAFETY RECORDS?

WE KNOW THAT THINGS WITH SHARP OR JAGGED EDGES WILL CUT. WE KNOW HOW TO AVOID THOSE CUTS.

WE KNOW THAT EXCESSIVE PULLING, PUSHING OR LIFTING WILL CAUSE STRAINS AND HERNIA. WE KNOW HOW TO AVOID SUCH EXCESSES.

WE KNOW THAT ELECTRICITY CAN BURN OR ELECTROCUTE. WE KNOW HOW TO AVOID THOSE BURNS OR ELECTROCUTIONS.

WE KNOW THAT MOVING MACHINERY CAN DELIVER A KNOCKOUT BLOW OR PULL ANYTHING INTO IT LIKE A MEAN GRINDER. WE KNOW HOW TO AVOID THE DANGERS OF MOVING MACHINERY.

AND SO IT GOES WITH EVERY OTHER ACCIDENT CAUSE IN THE BOOK. WE KNOW WHAT CAUSES EVERY TYPE OF ACCIDENT AND WE KNOW HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD.

BOILED DOWN, SAFETY IS JUST AS SIMPLE AS THAT. BUT MORE AND BETTER PERFECT SAFETY RECORDS APPARENTLY WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL WE CAN CONVINCE THE LAST MAN AMONG US THAT THERE IS NO TRICK TO SAFETY — JUST COMMON SENSE.

(FROM THE SAFE WORKER)

WAREHOUSE ACCIDENT

WATCH OUT FOR BROKEN GLASS AS YOU WOULD FOR SABOTAGE. A WORKER IN AN FSA WAREHOUSE SUFFERED A SEVERELY CUT THUMB AND WRIST, WHEN HE TRIED TO KEEP A PLATE-GLASS DOOR FROM SLAMMING ONE DAY WHEN THE WIND WAS EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG. THE GASH IN HIS THUMB REQUIRED TEN STITCHES. INVESTIGATION OF THE ACCIDENT REVEALED THAT THE DOOR HAD BEEN BROKEN FOR SOME TIME AND THE OWNER OF THE BUILDING HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BUT HAD TAKEN NO STEPS TO REPLACE IT. AFTER THE ACCIDENT, THE GLASS WAS REMOVED IMMEDIATELY AND THE DOOR TAKEN FROM ITS HINGES AND STORED. THE OWNER REPAIRED ALL OTHER BROKEN PANES IN THE BUILDING. THE EMPLOYEE WAS ABSOLVED OF ANY BLAME.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME — FOR ACCIDENTS

APPROXIMATELY 33,000 MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN LOST THEIR LIVES IN HOME ACCIDENTS LAST YEAR — MORE FATALITIES FROM THIS CAUSE THAN WERE RECORDED IN 10 OF THE 12 PRECEDING YEARS. IN ADDITION, APPROXIMATELY 4,850,000 PERSONS SUFFERED NON-FATAL INJURIES IN HOME ACCIDENTS. WHILE FALLS ACCOUNTED FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER OF INJURIES AND DEATHS, BURNS, SCALDS, POISONS, FIRE-ARMS, AND MANY OTHER HAZARDS ALL TOOK THEIR TOLL. AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED CAN HAPPEN AGAIN.

(FROM HOME SAFETY MAGAZINE.)

ARE YOU SURE OF YOUR SPEED?

TRAFFIC ENGINEERS HAVE FOUND THE SPEED OF DRIVERS ENTERING CITIES AND TOWNS TO BE SEVERAL MILES AN HOUR FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF DRIVERS LEAVING ON THE SAME ROADS.

MOTORISTS WHO ENTER A COMMUNITY AFTER DRIVING ALONG AN OPEN HIGHWAY AT SPEEDS OF 45 TO 50 MILES AN HOUR WILL USUALLY SLOW DOWN TO SPEEDS OF 35 TO 40 MILES AN HOUR. WITHOUT LOOKING AT THE SPEEDOMETER, THEY PROCEED IN THE BELIEF THEY ARE DRIVING SAFELY AND WITHIN THE LEGAL SPEED LIMIT BECAUSE OF THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THEIR REDUCED SPEED AND THAT TO WHICH THEY HAD BECOME ACCUSTOMED.

THIS DELAYED ADJUSTMENT TO SPEEDS APPROPRIATE FOR THE CONDITIONS HAS CAUSED MANY SERIOUS ACCIDENTS ON MAJOR STREETS ENTERING CITIES AND TOWNS.

EXPERT DRIVERS WATCH FOR SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AND MAKE SURE BY REPEATED GLANCES AT THE SPEEDOMETER THAT THEY HAVE SLOWED DOWN TO LEGAL AND SAFE SPEEDS.

ARE YOU ALWAYS SURE OF YOUR SPEED? CHECK YOURSELF OCCASIONALLY BY GUESSING YOUR SPEED BEFORE LOOKING AT THE SPEEDOMETER. MANY TIMES YOUR ERROR WILL SURPRISE YOU. DON'T DEPEND ON YOUR OWN JUDGMENT ALL THE TIME. MAKE SURE OF YOUR SPEED AND MAKE SURE YOUR SPEED IS SAFE. (FROM FLEET FLASHES)

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DRIVE SANELY — SIGNAL PLAINLY
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SUPERVISOR'S CAR UPSETS

QUICK ACTION OF CAR BRAKES ON A GRAVEL ROAD IS ONE WAY TO TURN OVER THE CAR. A COUNTY SUPERVISOR IN A MIDWESTERN REGION STOPPED HIS CAR IN A HURRY TO AVOID HITTING SOME CHICKENS ON A LOOSE-GRAVEL ROAD. THE CAR SWERVED AND UPSET. COST FOR REPAIR ON FENDERS, BODY, DOORS AND WINDOWS: \$85.

WHAT PRICE PROGRESS

WE PAY A PRICE FOR PROGRESS.

FOR INSTANCE, THE PEDESTRIAN CAVEMAN WAS NEVER KICKED TO DEATH BY A HORSE.

BUT WHEN HE DOMESTICATED THE HORSE AND CLIMBED ABOARD THE HURRICANE DECK OF A PITCHING BRONCO, HE MULTIPLIED HIS CHANCES OF BEING INJURED.

WHEN GRANDPA BOUGHT THAT STINKING GASOLINE BUGGY BACK IN 1908, GRANDMA BOUGHT WIDOW'S WEEDS AND BEGAN WONDERING HOW SHE'D LOOK IN BLACK.

AND WHEN FATHER FIRST WENT UP IN A PLANE, THE INSURANCE SALESMEN SHUDDERED, PUT UP THEIR POLICIES AND CALLED IT A DAY.

WHO WAS IT THAT WALKED SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE CAVEMAN?
OLD MAN CARELESSNESS.

WHO WAS IT THAT RODE DOUBLE WITH HIM ON THE FIRST HORSE?
ONLY CONSIDERABLY LARGER?
OLD MAN CARELESSNESS.

WHO WAS IT THAT THUMBED GRANDPA FOR THE FIRST AUTO RIDE?

A GREATLY ENLARGED OLD MAN CARELESSNESS.

WHO WAS IN THE AFTER COCKPIT WHEN DAD FLEW THE FIRST PLANE?

A GIGANTIC OLD MAN CARELESSNESS.

WHILE APPARENTLY WE HAVE PROGRESSED FAR IN METHODS OF TRANSPORTATION, WE STILL HUG OLD MAN CARELESSNESS TO OUR BOSOM AND HE GROWS AND GROWS AND GROWS. HE IS OUR INSISTENT ALTER EGO. LIKE THE POOR, HE IS WITH US ALWAYS.

IT IS ABOUT TIME THAT WE RID OURSELVES OF THIS INSISTENT PEST, THIS DESPOILER OF HOMES, THIS MULTIPLIER OF GRAVEYARDS.

YOU CAN DO YOUR PART. YOU CAN, BY YOUR EVERY ACT, CONTRIBUTE TO THE SAFETY MOVEMENT. YOU MAY NOT ACCEPT THE IDEA THAT YOU ARE IN A MEASURE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS, BUT CERTAINLY EVEN THE MOST STUPID OF US REALIZE THAT OUR OWN PERSONAL SAFETY LARGE-
LY IS DETERMINED BY OUR OWN PERSONAL ACTS.

AFTER ALL, LIFE IS SO SHORT AND DEATH IS SO PERMANENT THAT WE CAN AFFORD TO GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO HOW TO MAKE THIS A SAFER WORLD.

(FROM YE SAFTIE CRIER)

OFFICE HAZARD

THE CHAIR THAT COLLAPSES BENEATH YOU, HAS NO PLACE EXCEPT IN THE COMIC STRIPS. DISCARD OR REPAIR ANY CHAIRS THAT SEEM UNRELIABLE. ONE COUNTY F S A OFFICE HAD A FOLDING CHAIR WHICH HAD BECOME UNLOCKED BY MOVING. A SUPERVISOR SAT DOWN, FELL BACKWARD, AND HIT HER HEAD ON A SHARP WINDOW SILL. SHE WAS SEVERELY ILL FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

SAFETY'S PART IN THE WAR

"CERTAINLY SOLDIERS AND SAILORS AND FLYERS MUST MEET THE ENEMY WITH NO THOUGHT OF PERSONAL SAFETY. BUT THOSE WHO FALL IN BATTLE DIE FOR A PRINCIPLE, WHILE THOSE STRUCK DOWN BY ACCIDENTS DIE IN VAIN.

"FURTHERMORE, REMEMBER THIS - THE MILITARY COMMANDER WHO SENDS HIS MEN INTO THE FIELD WITHOUT TAKING EVERY POSSIBLE PRECAUTION FOR THEIR SAFETY IS A POOR COMMANDER. DARING AND BRAVERY FOR A PURPOSE IS ONE THING; CARELESSNESS AND CHANCE TAKING WITHOUT A PURPOSE IS ANOTHER."

(FROM PUBLIC SAFETY MAGAZINE)

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ACCIDENT PREVENTION IS A SLAP FOR THE FACE
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